

Kolmani the Seeress

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poisoned her spirits?] Every night the spirits rose in me so that I [59^x]
 couldn't sleep. I wandered around talking to people and chewing areca [756]
 with them. Langmai was afraid I might sleep with other men. Langmai [767]
 got a chicken. I had just one handful of rice left, because it was a hun-
 gry time, but we fed the spirits' hearth, and then our illness went away.
 [Stop.] I told Langmai, "If you don't make me a boat carving, hang it
 over the hearth of my spirits, and feed them, we shall surely die." He
 made a boat carving and hung it over the hearth. After we fed it, we
 were soon well. [Stop.]

When we were strong again, we went to a field and built a house
 there. The chief of Atimelang came and asked us for our taxes. We [687] ●
 didn't pay them, so he hit us both with a rattan switch. Then Maika-
 lieta's wife, Fuimai, said, "Don't beat my brother and my brother's
 wife." She paid a rupiah on our taxes. [Stop.] At this time we went to
 stay with Maikalieta. He said we had to pay back his money. So I and [222]
 Langmai went to gather tamarind fruit; we pitted them and sold them
 in Kalabahi to pay back that rupiah. When we paid it I said, "I made a
 field and planted it. I asked Fuimai to weed it, saying we would be part-
 ners in the field. We divided the corn. That was to pay back the money
 we owed her. But now that we have paid the money in cash also, who
 will give back my corn?" Maikalieta chased us away and said we could
 not stay there any more. But Fuimai was angry with him and said, "Do
 my brother and his wife sleep on your lap or arms, that you order them
 away?" That ended the quarrel and we stayed on. Then one day Lang-
 mai and Alurkomai dropped Maikalieta's dog out of the house and it
 yelped. Maikalieta shouted, "Who is hitting my dog? Are you copu-
 lating with it [a very insulting suggestion]?" So they answered, "Who [195]
 is copulating with the dog? If you want to copulate with it, come on."
 Maikalieta was angry and said, "You can't stay here. Go away and sleep
 wherever you wish." It was the rainy season; clouds were hanging low
 and rain was falling. The two men cried and ran to Maugata in Lawa-
 tika. They were all young at the time and were accustomed to play to-
 gether.

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Last night I dreamed I went up to Mailang's house in Folaseng. I
 dreamed I had a small field house near his. I saw people lead two cara-
 baos toward us and tie them to the posts of my house. After a while
 Mailang and Maikalieta came with another carabao, a black one, and
 tied it to my house. I asked why they tied three large carabaos to my